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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION IN WHO

SUMMARY: ROK FONMIN HAS REQUESTED FURTHER APPROACHES TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

1. FONMIN MAY 9 PASSED AMBASSADOR LIST OF 16 COUNTRIES WITH WHICH ROKG FEELS ADDITIONAL LOBBYING BY USG WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE. COUNTRIES ARE: BAHRAIN, UAE, KUWAIT, ARGENTINA, NEVJL, CAR, CHAD, ZAIRE, INDIA, SINGAPORE, PERUJP MAURITIUS, NIGERIA, DENMARK, MALAYSIA, AND LAOS. MOFA OFFICIAL FOLLOWED THAT REQUEST SHORTLY AFTERWARD WITH A CALL ASKING VERY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO LAOS, ZAIRE, PARAGUAY, AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (LATTER TWO BECAUSE THEIR DELEGATIONS HAVE NOT SHOWN UP AT GENEVA AS INDICATED BY GENEVA 2158 AND 2177). ROK HAS NO REPRESENTATION IN PARAGUAY AND DOMENICAN REPUBLIC.

2. MOFA IS AWARE OF INFO IN LATEST CABLES INDICATING FIRM DECISIONS TO OPPOSE POSTPONEMENT BY DENMARK, MALAYSIA, AND MAURITIUS, AS WELL AS LATEST INFO IN USG CABLES REGARDING OTHER COUNTRIES LISTED.

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3. ADDITIONAL INFO WE HAVE HERE IS (A) REGARDING ARGENTINA, MOFA HAS DIPLOMATIC NOTE FOR ARGENTINE EMBASSY CONFIRMING THAT GOA WILL SUPPORT ROK POSITION IN WHO BUT ACCORDING TO ROK REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA GOA DELEGATION HAS INSTRUCTIONS WHICH ARE MORE FLEXIBLE. (B) MOFA INFORMS US THAT CAR DELEGATION, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO CO- SPONSOR ROK POSTPONEMENT RESOLUTION, HAS BEEN EVASIVE ON THE ISSUE IN GENEVA. (C) ON THE OTHER HAND, JAPANESE HAVE TOLD ROK THAT NIGERIA, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO VOTE AGAINST POSTPONEMENT RESOLUTION, HAS NOW SAID IT WILL ABSTAIN. (D) MOFA REPORTS THAT THE NEPALESE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD THE US AND JAPANESE AMBASSADORS THAT NEPAL WILL ABSTAIN, IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS INDICATIONS THAT IT WOULD OPPOSE POSTPONEMENT.

4. MOFA INFORMED US MAY 10 THAT KUWAIT WILL DEFINITELY ABSTAIN AND THAT BAHRAIN AND UAE WILL DEFINITELY SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT, SO THAT FURTHER APPROACHES TO THESE COUNTRIES ARE NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

5. MOFA HAS ALSO RECEIVED WORD FROM GENEVA THAT PERU HAS DECIDED TO CO- SPONSOR THE RESOLUTION TO ADMIT NORTH KOREA. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION CHIEF TOLD EMBOFF MAY 10 THAT ROK WILL WORK ALONE IN FURTHER LOBBYING WITH PERUVIANS, USING ARGUMENT THAT PERU WOULD BE WISE TO CONSIDER LOSS OF RESPECT BY OTHER LATINS WHICH WILL INEVITABLY FOLLOW FROM BACKING THE COMMUNIST RESOLUTION, WHICH IS SURE TO LOSE.
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